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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: [REDACTED]
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Status Report for the Executive Director

REFERENCE: Memo for D/S from DDA, dated 9 February 1982,
same subject (DDA 82-0349/1)

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1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 9 February 1982, which requested a status report for the Executive Director concerning the polygraph program. It was specifically mentioned that we should cover current developments, steps being taken for improvement, and the future prognosis for the polygraph effort.

2. In September 1981, the Office of Security was faced with an ever-expanding polygraph workload, particularly in the staff applicant category, and recognized that additional resources would be required. It was at that time that the Polygraph Branch was upgraded to Division status; a strong senior manager was assigned to the unit; and an organizational structure was developed, calling for an expansion from an authorized strength [REDACTED] examiners to a total [REDACTED] such officers.

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3. At the present time, the Polygraph Division has [REDACTED] on the line handling tests. Two additional trained polygraphers have completed processing and are entering on duty with the Agency as of 16 February 1982. A third polygrapher has been favorably assessed and is currently being investigated in the field. Two other trained non-CIA examiners are scheduled for assessment interviews within the next ten days. In addition to this, four Office of Security professionals have just commenced a six-month training course at the Reid Institute in Chicago.

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4. Every possible effort has been made to improve efficiency and to ensure that maximum production is attained, without sacrificing quality. There is much closer coordination

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with Clearance Division to ensure that polygraph tests are cancelled when field investigations develop disqualifying

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6. The single most critical problem in connection with the polygraph program relates to the space issue. The acquisition of additional polygraphers is not feasible until an adequate number of examination rooms becomes available.

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It is strongly felt that Polygraph Division space should be contiguous and that, with all due appreciation for the inevitable disruptions caused, we should be permitted to acquire the adjacent space currently devoted to public affairs activities. That space, together with the acquisition of several rooms in the Badge Office, would permit orderly and sensible expansion, covering the space needs for the increased supervisory and clerical personnel essential to an operation of this importance.

7. In terms of Polygraph Division space, the present setup is inadequate and inefficient. We would most certainly welcome the opportunity to have the Executive Director visit the area and make his own assessment as to the magnitude of the problem.

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